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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David J. Balaban et al.

Application No.: 09/386,867

Filed: April 16, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROVIDING A BIOINFORMATICS
DATABASE

Examiner: B. Choobin

Art Unit: 2621

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 12 and 13.

Please amend claims 14, 6, 9 and 11 as shown below. A marked-up version of the changes to the claims is attached to this Amendment.

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1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing information relating to processing of polymer probe arrays, said method comprising the steps of: